

# Jacqueline Lentini McCullough

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## OF COUNSEL

### Overview

When businesses need to secure professional talent outside the U.S., Jacqueline is the attorney they call. She provides business employment immigration services to both corporations and individuals, including employer or family sponsorship and naturalization. She handles all manner of employment based immigration case management, including: H-1B, Labor Certification (PERM), L-1A, L-1B, L-1 Blanket, E-1/E-2, TN, B-1, F-1, J-1 students, researchers and trainees, and I-140 (EB-1, EB-1a, EB-2, and EB-3). She counsels clients on consular processing and Client Adjustment interviews, and has filed Adjustment of Status applications, including Advance Parole and Employment Authorization.

Prior to joining Amundsen Davis, Jacqueline gained experience at a boutique immigration law firm and as an Immigration Specialist for World Relief, for which she obtained Board of Immigration Appeals accreditation, and filed VAWA petitions and Adjustment of Status and Citizenship applications. Prior to becoming an attorney, Jacqueline was employed by the University of Houston and Purdue University as an F-1 and J-1 student counselor. She possesses more than 22 years of experience with immigration issues as an attorney. Additionally, Jacqueline assists clients on I-9 compliance audits and counsels employers on work authorization obligations.

Jacqueline is fluent in Italian. Outside the office you can find her cheering on her twin boys; both competitive swimmers.

### Experience

Obtained R-1 and Green Cards for Religious Workers and Ministers

Obtained Nonimmigrant Visas and Legal Permanent Residency for an International Organization

Successfully Removed Conditions on Legal Permanent Residency

### SERVICES

Employment Advice & Counsel

Equal Pay Compliance

Government Regulation, Audit & Compliance

Immigration & Global Mobility

Labor, Employment, Benefits & Immigration

Nonprofit Institutions & Tax-Exempt Organizations

Staffing Agency, Independent Contractor & Contingent Workforce

Vaccine Mandates in the Workplace

Wage & Hour

### EDUCATION

Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D.

Brown University, M.A., Italian Studies

Boston University, B.A., *cum laude*

### ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Colorado

Offered a Complete Analysis of a Legal Permanent Residency Process and other Nonimmigrant Processes

Reduced the Settlement Fine in a Department of Labor Wage and Hour Audit

Obtained Board of Immigration Appeals Accreditation for a Local Nonprofit to Process Immigration Cases

### Membership & Involvement

- Member: American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Liaison Committee for Customs Border Protection, 2018-present; AILA Midwest Regional Conference Planning Committee 2017, 2018; AILA Distance Learning Committee member, 2014-2016; Illinois State Bar Association, Immigration and International Law Committee, 2002-2003; Kane County Bar Association, Immigration Committee; National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA); Trusted Advisors Council (TAC) 2019-2023; TAC Social Committee Chicagoland, 2022; EPWNG, 2020-present; ProVisors, 2023-present

### Speaking Engagements

Immigration & Compliance in a Post-Covid World  
Speaking Engagement, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, October 13, 2022

Immigration Overview  
Trusted Advisors Council, Seminar; Geneva, IL, May 2021

COVID-19 and the Biden Administration Proposed Immigration Changes and Impacts on Employment Based Immigration  
Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, April 20, 2021

F-1 Student Updates  
Valparaiso University, Webcast, March 2021

Immigration Overview  
Rotary Club, Seminar; Joliet, IL, March 2021

F-1 Student Updates  
Elgin Community College, Webcast, February 2021

F-1 Student Updates  
Judson University, Webcast, January 2021

F-1 Employment in the US  
Wheaton College, Webcast, October 29, 2020

F-1 Student Updates  
Wheaton College, Webcast, October 2020

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### LANGUAGES

Italian

Trends & Technical Issues Impacting Employment Based Immigration in Light of COVID-19 and the Election Year

Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, October 6, 2020

Workplace Immigration Amid COVID

Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, September 2020

Investing In Your Future: U.S. Immigration and the Bel Paese

Italian Trade Commission and University of Padua Alumni Association, Webcast, November 2019

Hot Topics & H-1B Updates

Kane County Bar Association Commercial Law Committee, Seminar, April 2019

F-1 Student Updates

Judson University, Seminar, March 2019

F-1 Student Updates

Harper College, Seminar, February 2019

F-1 Student Updates

Wheaton College, Seminar, October 2018

Business Immigration: Overview and Relevant Updates in the Areas of Work Visas, International Students and Permanent Residency

Kane County Bar Association 2017 Immigration Seminar; Geneva, IL, May 4, 2017

Overview of Business Immigration Law - Kane County Bar Association Commercial Law Committee Presentation

April 25, 2017

Fireside Chat: Travel Ban Executive Order

North Central College Office of Multicultural Affairs, February 6, 2017

International Recruitment, Visas & Immigration Compliance

Developing Effective CMHC Operational Management Seminar, December 12, 2016

Overview of Business Immigration

2016 Kane County Bar Association Immigration Seminar, May 4, 2016

### Published Works

The J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa

Publication, *Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education; Immigration Law 2022 Edition, 2022*

Illinois Employment Forms-Online Version

Publication, *Illinois Chamber of Commerce, March 2021*

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Illinois Employment Law Handbook - 5th Edition  
*Illinois Chamber of Commerce, 2019*

## Blog Posts

H-1B Travelers to Save Time, Money, and Heartache with Stateside Visa Renewal Pilot Program, Starting January 29  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, January 29, 2024*

Immigration Fees Likely to Soar in Early 2024  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, December 5, 2023*

Minimize Your Cost by Starting the Green Card Process Early  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, October 13, 2023*

Good News Is on the Horizon for Green Card Applicants  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, June 21, 2023*

The Top 5 Mistakes Employers Make When Preparing H-1B Petitions  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, January 26, 2023*

Avoid the Million Dollar Mistake - Five I-9 Immigration Compliance Tips That Can Save You Time, Money, and Trouble  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, December 2, 2022*

USCIS Lengthens Work Permit Automatic Extensions and Expands Premium Processing Options  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, June 16, 2022*

NOW is the Time to Assess H-1B Visas for 2022!  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, January 10, 2022*

New Life for H1-B Petitions: Market Research Analyst Ruling a Good Sign for H-1B Petitioners  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, November 17, 2021*

With US Easing Travel Restrictions, Foreign National Visa Holders Ask: Can I Go Home?  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, October 1, 2021*

H-1B Filing Season: Time to Review Visa Status Expirations for Foreign National Employees  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, March 1, 2021*

Biden Changes Immigration Outlook, H-1B Visa Details TBD  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, February 3, 2021*

What to Expect on Immigration from the Biden Administration  
*Labor & Employment Law Update, November 25, 2020*

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Navigating the U.S. Immigration Labyrinth Right Now  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, September 30, 2020

Charting the Course for H-1Bs and Other Visas Through COVID-19  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, May 27, 2020

An H-1B Season of Transition Begins  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, February 10, 2020

Minimizing the Risks of GDPR for U.S. Academic Institutions  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, December 10, 2019

Legalized Marijuana, Non-Citizens and Immigration Risks  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, August 22, 2019

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Policy Challenged on Third-Party Worksites  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, June 7, 2019

H-1B Visas: What You Need to Know About Filing in 2019  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, January 30, 2019

Universities and International Students May Still Benefit Amid Uncertain Immigration Future  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, February 2, 2018

H-1B Applicants, Start Your Engines  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, January 31, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and Department of Labor Announce Further Measures to Detect H-1B Visa Fraud and Tighten Rules  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, April 18, 2017

Proposed Rule Offers New Hope for Foreign Entrepreneurs  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, September 14, 2016

The Waiting Begins: Will Your H-1B Case Be Selected in the Lottery This Year?  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, April 19, 2016

When You Need An Amended H-1B Petition, Simeio Solutions Decision  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, September 14, 2015

Navigating the H-4 EAD Process: Be Ready to File  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, May 14, 2015

Executive Action on Immigration to Affect Millions  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, November 25, 2014

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Spousal H-4 Visa Holders: Important Changes on the Horizon Regarding  
Employment Authorization for Certain H-4 Dependent Spouses  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, August 21, 2014

Going, Going, Gone! USCIS' FY 2015 H-1B Cap  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, April 28, 2014

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